

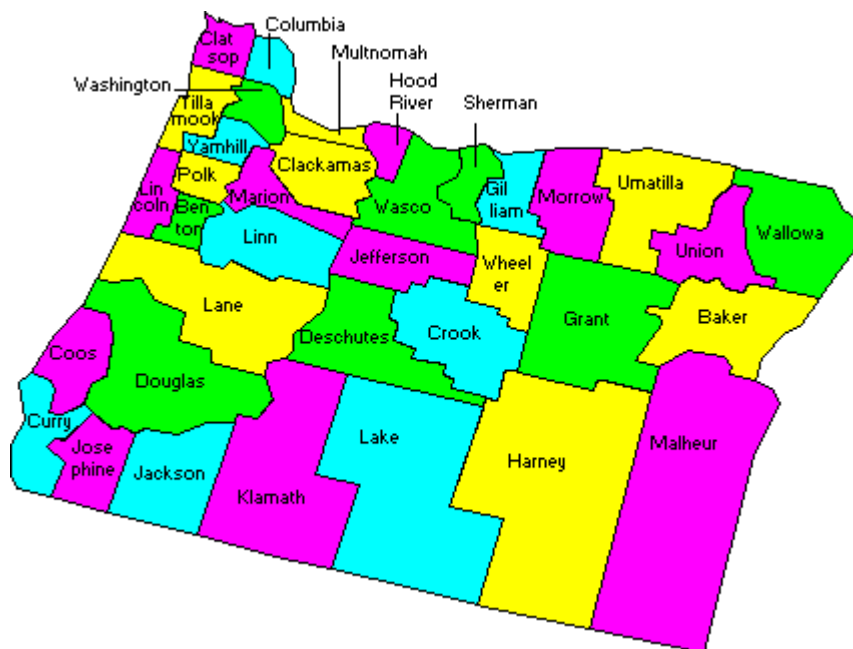
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Oregon

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 3,421,399
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 86.6% white; 1.6% black/African American; 1.3% American Indian/Alaska Native; 3.0% Asian; 0.2% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 4.2% other race; 3.1% two or more races; 8.0% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)

Politics²

- Governor: John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
- Attorney General: Hardy Myers
- Secretary of State: Bill Bradbury
- U.S. Senate: Gordon Smith (R); Ron Wyden (D)
- U.S. Representatives (District): David Wu (1); Greg Walden (2); Earl Blumenauer (3); Peter A. DeFazio (4); Darlene Hooley (5)
- State Capital: Salem

Programs/Initiatives

- FY 2001 Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees awarded funding by ONDCP in conjunction with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP):³
 - \$100,000 to the Baker County Prevention Coalition, Baker City
 - \$99,981 to Cascade Locks Interested in Kids, Cascade Locks
 - \$100,000 to the Deschutes Commission on Children and Families, Bend
 - \$100,000 to the Wasco County Prevention Coalition, The Dalles
- Executive Office of Weed and Seed⁴
 - Portland: The Target Area of this Weed and Seed site is a group of 15 communities known as the Albina Community in the North and Northeast sections of Portland. This area has the highest concentration of unemployment, depressed residential and commercial property, and the highest crime rate in Portland. The high school dropout rates here are also the highest in the City of Portland.
 - There are additional Weed and Seed sites located in Portland (SE Lents/Brentwood-Darlington), Eugene, and within the Burns Paiute Tribe.
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)⁵

The Oregon HIDTA was designated in June of 1999 and serves Deschutes, Jackson, and Marion counties. These counties are geographically situated to counter drug trafficking and smuggling into, out of, and through Oregon. The Oregon geography provides concealment for clandestine methamphetamine laboratories, smuggling activities, and marijuana growing operations.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From January to June 2001, there were 10,549 arrests for drug law violations in Oregon.⁶

Number of Drug Arrests, Oregon, January-June 2001

Drug type	Juvenile	Adult	Total
Narcotics	187	2,222	2,409
Marijuana	1,018	3,452	4,470
Synthetic narcotics	25	477	502
Other	129	3,039	3,168
Total	1,359	9,190	10,549

- From January to June 2001, there were also 347 arrests in Oregon for driving under the influence of drugs. 329 of those arrested were adults, while 18 were juveniles.⁷
- There were 18,237 adults arrested for drug law violations in Oregon during 2000.⁸

Number of Drug Arrests, Oregon, 2000

Drug type	Juvenile	Adult	Total
Narcotics	358	5,116	5,474
Marijuana	1,875	6,506	8,381
Synthetic narcotics	55	865	920
Other	268	5,750	6,018
Total	2,556	18,237	20,793

- During 2000, there were over 20,000 arrests for larceny offenses in Oregon.⁹

Number of Arrests, Oregon, 2000

Offense	Juveniles	Adults	Total
Willful murder	10	101	111
Negligent homicide	2	12	14
Forcible rape	46	256	302
Robbery	243	898	1,141
Aggravated assault	409	1,876	2,285
Burglary	1,302	2,146	3,448
Larceny	6,869	15,870	22,739
Motor vehicle theft	696	1,976	2,672

- Preliminary data for adult male arrestees in Portland during 2000 indicate that 61% of these arrestees tested positive for one or more of the following drugs at the time of their arrests: cocaine, opiates, marijuana, methamphetamine, or PCP.¹⁰
- 35% of these arrestees tested positive for marijuana, 20% were positive for methamphetamine, 20% were positive for cocaine, and 13% were positive for opiates.¹¹

- In Portland during 1999, 92.4% of adult male arrestees who committed a drug offense tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrests.¹²

Percent of Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, by Offense Category, Portland, 1999

Offense Type	Cocaine		Marijuana		Meth		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	4.4	14.6	31.6	19.5	17.5	12.2	47.4	36.6
Property	34.9	53.2	39.7	22.1	25.4	22.1	75.4	80.5
Drug	49.2	50.7	35.6	30.1	33.1	39.7	92.4	90.4
Sales	35.5	27.3	41.9	36.4	25.8	36.4	87.1	81.8
Possession	50.9	50.7	34.3	30.1	33.3	39.7	93.5	90.4
Other	20.0	30.4	36.9	22.2	17.0	22.8	61.3	65.8

Drugs

- Medical Marijuana¹³
In December 1998, Oregon's Medical Marijuana Act took effect. This Act provides legal protection against criminal charges of possession, use or production of marijuana if the marijuana is for medical purposes and the possession, use and production otherwise compile with the Act.
- In the Oregon HIDTA region, the primary illegal drugs of abuse in order of usage are as follows: marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine.¹⁴

Juveniles¹⁵

- Results from a 2000 survey of public school students in Oregon indicate that 17.7% of 11th graders reported using marijuana in the 30 days prior to being surveyed.

Past Month Drug Use, Public School Students, Oregon, 1998 and 2000

Drug Type	11 th Grade		8 th Grade		6 th Grade	
	1998	2000	1998	2000	1998	2000
Alcohol	42.6%	41.8%	26.0%	26.4%	8.2%	7.8%
Marijuana	21.0	17.7	11.6	8.6	8.2	7.8
Cocaine	1.7	0.5	1.6	0.7	--	0.3
Stimulants	2.8	0.9	2.2	0.8	--	0.1
Hallucinogens/LSD	2.9	0.7	2.0	0.6	--	0.2
Inhalants	3.1	1.6	9.3	6.0	5.3	5.4

Trafficking and Seizures

- Major drug traffickers are using every available transportation method to smuggle drugs into Oregon. This includes motor vehicles, trains, ships, aircraft, buses, mail and package shippers.¹⁶
- Interstates 5 and 84 and U.S. Highways 97 and 20 are major ground transportation routes into and through Oregon.¹⁷
- Drug trafficking organizations with links to Mexico and Central America are responsible for the majority of illegal drugs imported in to Oregon and have dominated the local heroin and methamphetamine market.¹⁸

- During 2000, there were 20,700 cultivated marijuana plants eradicated in Oregon under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.¹⁹

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Oregon, 2000

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Plots Eradicated</u>	<u>Cultivated Plants Eradicated</u>	<u>Grows Seized</u>	<u>Plants Eradicated</u>	<u>Cultivated Plants Eradicated</u>
337	12,777	161	7,923	20,700

- Recently, there has been an increase in the smuggling of high-grade marijuana from British Columbia ("B.C. Bud") into and through Oregon.²⁰
- Oregon drug traffickers produce marijuana, methamphetamine, and psilocybin mushrooms for exportation to other areas of the country.²¹

Consequences of Use²²

- During 2001, there were 155 drug-related deaths reported by the State Medical Examiner Division of the Oregon State Police.

Drug-Related Deaths, by Drug Type Involved, Oregon, 1999-2001

<u>Drug Type</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>% change 2000-2001</u>
Heroin	195	131	95	-27%
Cocaine	68	69	48	-30%
Methamphetamine	43	56	50	-9%
Combination	49	43	35	-19%

Enforcement

- Data from 2000 indicate that there were 7,758 full-time law enforcement employees in Oregon. 5,629 of these employees were officers, while 2,129 were support staff.²³
- Oregon HIDTA Initiatives include the following:²⁴
 - Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Task Force: This multi-agency task force is dedicated to the disruption and dismantling of identified drug trafficking organizations that manufacture, smuggle, or distribute illegal drugs in Central Oregon.
 - Jackson County Narcotics Enforcement Team: This task force is dedicated to the disruption of drug trafficking organizations in southern Oregon and on Interstate 5 which runs from Mexico to Canada.
 - Salem Area Interagency Narcotics Team: This task force is dedicated to dismantling drug trafficking organizations in Marion County and on Interstate 5.

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁵
As of January 17, 2002, there were eight drug courts that have been operating for over two years, fourteen drug courts that had recently been implemented, and twenty drug courts being planned in Oregon.

- During FY 2000, 17.3% of the Federally sentenced offenders in Oregon had committed a drug offense. The majority (56.8%) of these drug cases involved methamphetamine.²⁶

Federally Sentenced Drug Offenders, Oregon, FY 2000

Drug type	Number	Percent
Methamphetamine	63	56.8%
Crack cocaine	13	11.7
Marijuana	13	11.7
Heroin	12	10.8
Powder cocaine	8	7.2
Other	2	1.8

- 92.8% of the 111 Federal offenders who committed a drug trafficking offense received a prison sentence.²⁷

Corrections²⁸

- As of June 2001, there were 41,337 offenders under the supervision of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). 10,693 of these offenders were in prison, 18,440 were on felony probation, 1,308 were under local control, and 10,896 were on parole.²⁹
- 27.3% of the total offenders under DOC supervision had committed a drug offense.³⁰

Number of Offenders Under DOC Supervision, Oregon, July 2001

Type of supervision	Total	# of Drug Offenders	% of Drug Offenders
Felony probation	18,440	7,337	39.8%
Local control	1,308	426	32.6
Prison	10,693	773	7.2
Parole	10,896	2,763	25.4
Total	41,337	11,299	27.3

- In February 2002, 461 inmates within Oregon Department of Corrections facilities were randomly selected and subjected to urinalysis tests to detect use of the following substances: opiates, amphetamines, cocaine, or marijuana. None of the inmates tested positive for any of these drugs.³¹

Treatment³²

- During 2001, nearly 56,000 people were admitted to treatment for alcohol or drug abuse in Oregon. 15.7% of those being treated reported that amphetamines were their primary substances of abuse.

Substance Abuse Treatment Admission, Oregon, 2001

Primary substance of abuse	Number	Percent of total
Alcohol only	19,855	35.6%
Alcohol with secondary drug	11,375	20.4
Cocaine (smoked)	1,177	2.1
Cocaine (other route)	482	0.9
Marijuana	8,437	15.1
Heroin	4,559	8.2
Other opiates	597	1.1
PCP	3	0.0
Hallucinogens	48	0.1
Amphetamines	8,744	15.7
Tranquilizers	22	0.0
Sedatives	97	0.2
Inhalants	31	0.1
Other/unknown	370	0.7
Total	55,797	100.0

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